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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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December 1980

Total gas sales for the month of December were 1,667.7 trillions of Btu, up 5.1 percent over December of 1979. The heating season sales, to date, are up 3.7 percent over 1979. The total sales for 1980 are estimated to be 15,318.8 trillions of Btu.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	December			Heating Season (Nov.-Dec.)		January 1 to December 31	
	1980	1979	% Change	1980	%Change From Last Period	1979*	1980 Forecast[1]
Residential	663.9	611.9	+ 8.5[2]	1,066.4	+ 6.4	5,083.1	4,853.4
Commercial	314.9	292.4	+ 7.7	522.3	+ 6.1	2,485.8	2,431.8
Industrial	642.5	643.7	- 0.2	1,281.8	+ 0.0	7,555.0	7,723.4
Other	46.4	38.9	. 4	75.7	-	316.4	309.7
Total	1,667.7	1,586.9	+ 5.1	2,946.2	+ 3.7	15,440.3	15,318.3
Degree Days[P] (A.G.A)	855	752	+ 13.7				

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

*1979 figures based on the 1979 Gas Facts.
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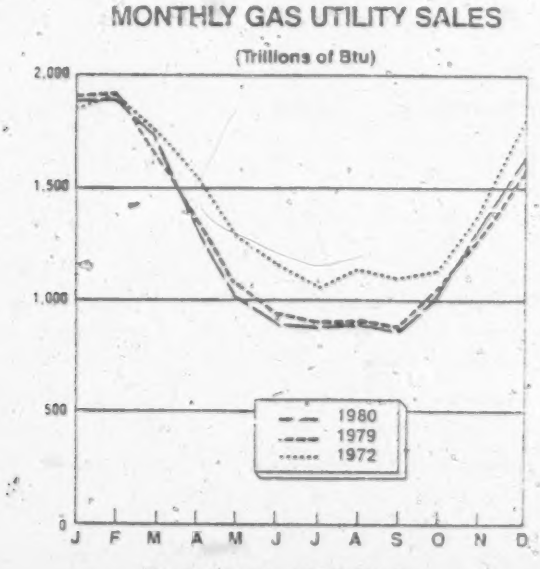
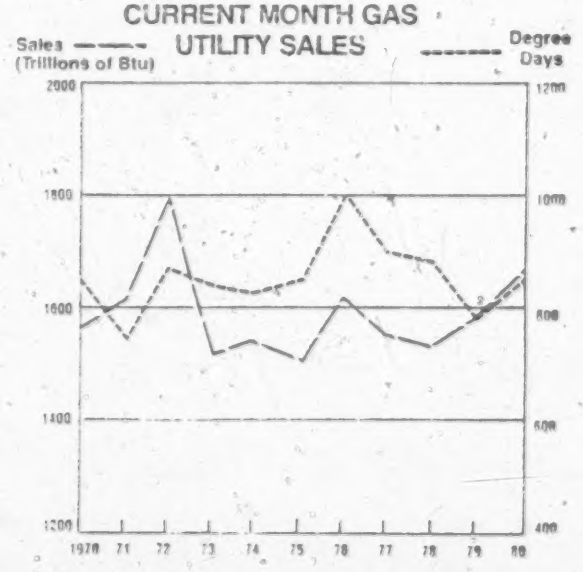


The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

December

	1980	1979	% Change '79 vs '80
Domestic Range			
Gas	140.6	151.7	- 7.3
Electric	185.1	212.0	- 12.7
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	54.3	48.7	+ 11.5
Electric	184.2	178.9	+ 3.0
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	131.7	155.5	- 15.3
Electric	20.8	23.4	- 11.1
Oil	5.5	9.1	- 39.6
Boilers			
Gas	17.5	30.8	- 43.2
Electric	0.2	0.3	- 48.9
Oil	4.6	8.2	- 43.2

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

December

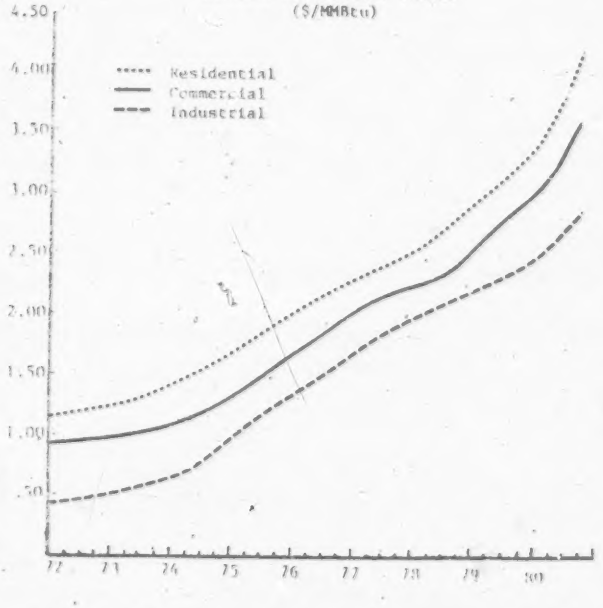
	1980	1979	% Change '79 vs '80
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	95.5	91.6	+ 4.3
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	381.5	332.6	+ 14.7
Electricity	262.3	224.8	+ 16.7
Fuel Oil	610.0	507.5	+ 20.2
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	118.2	112.4	+ 5.2

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980					
1st Qtr.	2.97	3.31	3.17	2.61	1.94
2nd Qtr.	3.14	3.77	3.43	2.79	1.90
3rd Qtr.	3.18	4.36	3.57	2.89	2.03

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1]1980 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months of 1980 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.